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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SHINYA YAMAMOTO, et al:)
Application No.: 09/650,752)
Filed: August 29, 2000)
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)
COMPRISING MEANS FOR DETECTING)
AN AMOUNT OF DEVELOPER CONTAINED)
IN A DEVELOPER CONTAINER, A)
MEMORY FOR STORING THE AMOUNT)
DETECTED BY THE DETECTING MEANS,)
AND CONTROL MEANS FOR UPDATING)
THE INFORMATION STORED IN THE)
MEMORY)

Examiner: Q. Grainger
Group Art Unit: 2852
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be further amended as follows:

#22/Pre-Amended
AND
12/1/03

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